

Presented by: The Manager  
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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**Serial No. 3013**

**A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Supporting the Homeporting of a U.S. Coast Guard Icebreaker in Juneau.**

WHEREAS, the United States of America is an Arctic Nation solely because of the Great State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, led by Senator Dan Sullivan, has recognized the alarming paucity of U.S.-flagged icebreakers, and has worked for years to close this troubling Arctic operational capability gap by homeporting U.S. Coast Guard assets in the 49<sup>th</sup> State; and

WHEREAS, Policy 5.3 of the Comprehensive Plan of the City and Borough of Juneau calls for the City and Borough “to work cooperatively with federal agencies to ensure that existing jobs stay in Juneau, and that agencies have access to the facilities and infrastructure required to support their mission in Juneau”; and

WHEREAS, Juneau has demonstrated and proven its ability and commitment to support the Coast Guard, and, in particular has been proud to have served as the homeport for the USCGC STORIS, USCGC PLANETREE, USCGC CAPE CARTER, USCGC LIBERTY, and now the USCGC REEF SHARK; and

WHEREAS, Juneau is a maritime community optimally situated in Southeast Alaska on Tlingit indigenous lands, and offers reliable transportation modes, home to a regional hub for healthcare, and home to the University of Alaska Southeast campus; Juneau also has ample well-paying job opportunities, a strong culture in the arts and humanities, and scores of outdoor recreation opportunities leading to a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Alaska’s Capital city is the host community for 300 Coast Guard personnel including the Coast Guard District 17 Commander as well as other federal agencies, which would be synergistic to the needs of an Alaskan-based icebreaker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1. Icebreaker Homeporting in Juneau.** The City and Borough of Juneau Assembly welcomes the opportunity to support the U.S. Coast Guard and the Alaska

Congressional Delegation's goal of expanding Arctic operational capabilities by homeporting an icebreaker in Juneau.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.



Carole Triem, Acting Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk